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Airpower Summary: 20 – 26 Nov 2011 **EC-130H squadron hits major milestones**

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- Maintainers of the EC-130H Compass Call at Bagram Airfield have a lot to be proud of. Not only does the squadron maintain the Air Force's only EC-130H aircraft fleet, it facilitated several significant milestones while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 41st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit enabled the modified C-130 airborne tactical weapons systems to fly more than 24,000 hours on 4,000 sorties, enabling the capture of 600 high-value individuals, 4,500 detainees and 340 weapons caches.

"Making these milestones happen with an aging fleet and a steady deployment rotation is challenging," said Capt. Lisa Stokey, 455th EAMXS EC-130H officer in charge. "I can honestly say this is one of the most impressive aircraft maintenance squadrons I've ever been a part of. The mission is unique, and the maintainers I work with are selfless miracle workers."

Coordinating aircraft maintenance to keep the mission going is Master Sgt. Patrick Dougherty's job. As the production superintendent, Dougherty has the difficult task of orchestrating repairs on the EC-130H fleet from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

"Since the aircraft are constantly flying sorties, our technicians have to be good at what they do," said Dougherty, a St. Cloud, Fla., native. "We provide aircraft to operators that support International Security Assistance Force ground forces. They depend on us to do our jobs, so they can do theirs and keep people safe."

These unique aircraft keep people safe by performing tactical command, control and communications countermeasures.

On his first deployment, Staff Sgt. Brandon Bell, EC-130H aerospace propulsion craftsman, is the lead engine technician.

"Whenever an aircraft comes down with an engine discrepancy or scheduled engine maintenance, we make sure it's repaired," said the mechanic from Plano, Texas. "Doing our job can sometimes be challenging because sometimes we won't have certain pieces of equipment, which we have to borrow from other shops."



Senior Airman Christopher Scott, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion journeyman, conducts an inspection on an EC-130H Compass Call propeller at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Nov. 23, 2011. After installing the propeller, Scott inspects to ensure all parts are installed correctly before to avoid malfunctions. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Senior Airman Krista Rose)

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The Combined Forces Air Component Commander's airpower data for the week of 20 – 26 Nov 2011:

Airpower Summary for the week of 20 - 26 Nov 2011								
Close Air Support	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	TOTAL
Operation Enduring Freedom	62	76	64	67	64	73	58	464
Operation New Dawn	23	18	22	20	14	18	22	137
Weapons Releases								
OEF	6	9	16	10	25	8	1	75
OND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ISR								
OEF	92	97	91	92	80	70	54	576
OND	29	17	25	25	18	21	26	161
Combined Data								
Airlift Sorties	160	152	154	140	150	156	144	1,056
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)	727	350	675	755	645	614	621	4,387
Airlift Passengers	2,588	3,140	2,455	1,736	2,059	2,421	2,056	16,455
Tanker Sorties	48	50	46	51	45	51	45	336
Fuel Offloaded (Thousands of Pounds)	3,164	3,282	3,261	3,069	2,732	3,370	2,943	21,821
Aircraft Refueled	242	238	244	234	202	245	195	1,600
PR/Medevac Sorties	10	16	17	20	14	21	13	111
Saves	2	3	4	2	5	2	2	20
Assist	2	1	4	6	10	9	1	33

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